

*REMARKS**Summary of Interview*

Applicants thank Examiner Solola for the courtesy extended to their agent, Jeremy Jay, during a personal interview held on May 2, 2005. The substance of the interview was discussion of the prior art of record with reference to independent claims 1 and 17, but an agreement was not reached. The Examiner maintains that the selection of a nitrogen protecting group is an obvious modification available to the skilled artisan.

The Invention

The present invention pertains to a process for the preparation of an intermediate useful for preparing kifunensine. The invention also relates to a process for preparing kifunensine.

The Pending Claims

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 4-9, and 11-17 will be pending. Claims 1 and 4-9 are directed to a process for preparing a compound of formula I. Claims 11-17 are directed to a process for preparing kifunensine.

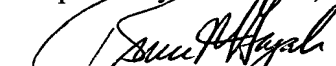
Amendments to the Claims

Claims 10 and 18 have been canceled to place the application in better condition for Appeal. Claim 11 has been amended to remove dependency on a canceled claim. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Conclusion

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.191(a), applicants concurrently file herewith a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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